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EDUCATION THROUGH THE IMAGINATION. By Margaret Macmillan. London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co., 1904.

This book contains a large collection of experiences with children and in schools, penetrated with an exceptional power of insight into cause and effect in mental phenomena, and accompanied by a deep sympathy with children. And Miss Macmillan is a student also; her reading in philosophy and history is wide. She seems to have gone far afield in order to help her to understand the development of the child.

But the book is, after all, ineffective. The author has not learned the art of writing a consequential book: isolated passages of real eloquence, of deep insight, of strong feeling, abound in every chapter, but the thread that connects them is too thin. And the greatest error of all is to base the book upon a theory of the Imagination. Nine-tenths of what is here written might just as well have been offered under the Herbartian label of Interest or the Froebelian of Self-Activity. Miss Macmillan has remarkable power, and those who are interested in children will find what she has to say well worth their attention, but if she desires to influence opinion through a book, she must study with more care the art of putting a book together. This work gives us the impression of being a collection of magazine articles or addresses brought together not without strain under one cover.

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